



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Mission Statement

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.



From The President's Desk

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is Our Song." (Pope John Paul II) Spring is here and brings new life and new beginning to us all. Easter is a symbol and is one of the greatest gifts from God – it gives us Hope, Renewal and New Life. "Easter teaches us: "that Life never ends and Love never die." (Kate McGahan)

Break open our hearts and minds as we discover the transformation of new life and new beginnings this year. "Let your Light Shine before others." (Matthew 5:16) "May the Power of the Resurrection of Jesus fill your heart with Hope and Purpose this Easter Season." Let the Hope of Easter inspire you all year round.

God's Blessing to all our members and families, safe travels to those who are traveling,

If you need to get in touch with me, you can be reached **through text or email** at **780-916-9728** or kabtarras@gmail.com.

Katherine Tarras, President

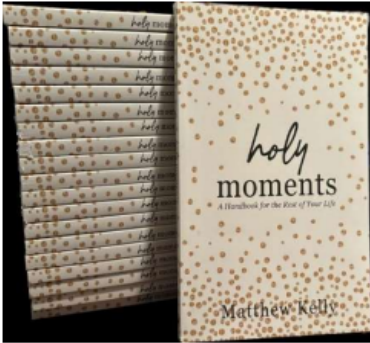


Faith

Stations of the Cross

Thank you to all who participated in the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. A special thank you to Lorette Fairfield who led the 14 members who attended the evening.

BORROW THIS BOOK FROM YOUR CWL HOLY MOMENTS – SOUL POTENTIAL



“...It’s time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It’s time to explore your soul-potential.”

Matthew Kelly

As we all look for ways to grow spiritually, this book is a **MUST READ!** We found it so enlightening, we wanted to ensure every CWL member have an opportunity to read it (without having to purchase a copy yourself).

Just a reminder we have purchased a number of copies of Holy Moments to share it with our members.

The easiest way to borrow the book is to come to one of our general meetings and sign it out (**next general meeting will be April 16th 6:45 pm*, at St. Charles church**). If, you’d like a book before our April meeting or are unable to attend, please call or message Bea Spatafora & I will leave a copy in the CWL mailbox at church for you.

Did you get a Holy Moments gemstone? These are great to keep in your pocket or purse as a reminder of expanding your *soul-potential* as you go about your day. These will also be available at our April general meeting, but can also be left in our mailbox when requesting a copy of the book.



****Time Change; see Organization excerpt for more details.***

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Service

Funeral Lunches

There was 1 funeral lunch on March 16th. Lunch was prepared for 50 people. There were 6 CWL volunteers and 4 Knights. Thank you to all who helped out.

Any members who are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Funeral Lunch Committee may contact Rose Hearn at 780-915-0166 or email her at khearn@live.com.



Medical Assistance in Dying - MAID

Thank you to Crystal Cordeiro for printing and bringing the postcards to our General meeting. Members are encouraged to send the postcards to [MPs](#) and [Senators](#). No postage is necessary. The postcard templates can also be found under the “Resources” section on the CWL National website on the “[Crest, Stationery and Other Council Supplies](#)” page.

Organization

We had a great turnout at our March General meeting; if you missed it, I encourage you to mark your calendar for April’s meeting and join us if you can. It’s a great way to learn firsthand what your CWL Council is working on, keep in touch with other members and have a say (vote) on motions brought forward.

Please mark your calendar for our next CWL General meeting on **Tuesday, April 16th, 6:45pm (social) & 7:15pm (meeting)**.

****That’s right...Social time, including snacks and beverages, will commence at 6:45pm, preceding the formal meeting which will now begin at 7:15pm.****

I also like to congratulate our March door-prize winners:

Rita Pfefferle (Tim Horton’s Gift Card)
Rachelle Pouliot (Easter bundle)

And not to sound like a broken record, but if you have not yet paid your 2023 &/OR 2024 dues, it’s not too late to purchase your membership and ensure your years-of-service remain intact. Please call or email me if you are unsure how to pay your dues (see Holy Moments excerpt for contact info).

Lastly, I’m delighted to welcome another new member to our Council; Maureen O’Donnell has joined us from St. Matthews Council. If you know Maureen, please welcome her to St. Charles when you see her.

Bea Spatafora
Vice-President/Organization Convenor



Parish Mission – Hospitality

Our Council served coffee and cookies after the Parish Mission on March 11th and 12th. Thank you to Rose Hearn, Irene Midgley and Rita Pfefferle who volunteered to serve.

Secretary Position Still Vacant

Our Council desperately needs a Secretary. It is a great way to get involved and learn about how our Council works. If you would like to volunteer, or would like additional information as to what the position entails, please contact Katherine Tarras at katarras@gmail.com



Fall Bazaar Crafts Needed



Crafters - last Fall we sold off 90% of our craft inventory and as a result, we need more crafts for this year's bazaar. I know it may seem early to start thinking about Fall, but it's actually a great time, as you may find craft supplies on sale! So when you're shopping and creating projects this Spring & Summer, please keep the CWL Fall Craft Table in mind. Crafts can be brought to a CWL meeting or held until the Friday (October 18th) before the October 19th Fall Bazaar when we set-up the table.

Bea Spatafora
Fall Bazaar – Craft Table Convenor

June Social – Mark Your Calendars

Thank you to Irene Midgley and Bea Spatafora who have volunteered to convene our June Social scheduled for June 12th. Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters.

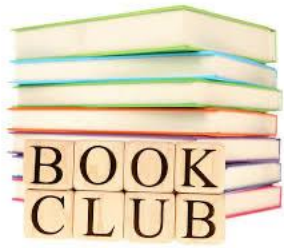
Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

HUNDREDS OF RESOLUTIONS

- 23** Over its history Catholic Women's League members have proposed hundreds of resolutions; some become laws, others serve as seeds for change - all serve to educate members. We invite you to discover more!

IDENTITY

- 24** Members may wear pins and scarves with the Catholic Women's League crest, but our true identity is seen in sharing our faith, service to the community and advocacy for social justice. Your place is among us.



CWL Virtual BYOB Book Club February Reads

1. ***The Winemaker's Wife***– Kirstin Hamel

Recently divorced, Liv Kent is at rock bottom when her feisty, eccentric French grandmother shows up unannounced, insisting on a trip to France where she discovers her true identity and the courage of the winemaker's wife in 1940.

2. ***Sacred Hearts*** – Sarah Dunant

A tale of convent life in 1570 where 16-year-old Serafina is placed by her family against her will.

3. ***The Mercy Series*** – David Baldacci

Atlee Pine, an FBI agent with special skills assigned to the remote wilds of the southwestern United States who must confront a new threat . . . and an old nightmare.

4. ***The Thursday Murder Club*** – Richard Osman

Every Thursday, Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim, and Ron, residents of Coopers Retirement Village, meet to review cold case murder files.

5. ***The Age of the Horse*** – Susanna Forrest

The Age of the Horse knits the history of the horse into that of humans, through revolution, war, social change and uneasy peace.

6. ***Through Black Spruce*** – Joseph Boyden

Will Bird is a legendary Cree bush pilot, now lying in a coma in a hospital in Ontario. His niece Annie Bird, has returned home to sit by his bedside. The two sit silently and contemplate their unspoken kinship.

7. ***The Secret Sister***– Brenda Novak

Maisey Lazarow discovers a box of photographs that evoke distant memories of a little girl she believes might be her sister, but her mother claims there was no sister.

8. ***Hang the moon***– Jeanette Walls

A novel about a young woman in Virginia during Prohibition. Most folk thought Sallie Kincaid was a nobody who'd amount to nothing.

9. ***The Lincoln Highway***– Amor Towles

Set in 1954, it tells the story of four young men on a roadtrip from Nebraska to New York City over 10 days.

10. ***The Sun Walks Down***– Fiona McFarlane

In September 1883, the South Australian town of Fairly huddles under strange, vivid sunsets. Six-year-old Denny Wallace gets lost in a dust storm and a cast of characters must try to find and rescue him.

11. ***Hello Beautiful*** – Ann Napolitano

William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him—so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him.

NO BOOK CLUB IN MARCH
NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING: Thursday, April 25

Important Dates

March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter Sunday
April 16	General Meeting (6:45pm social time)
April 26 – 28th	Diocesan Convention

Future Conventions

Diocesan Convention April 26 – 28th, 2024
St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton

104th National Convention August 11-14, 2024
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Hilton Garden Inn Saskatoon Downtown
90 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, SK
Visit <https://www.cwl.ca/saskatoon-2024/> for more information.

Laughter is Good for the Soul



A flood struck a town, and one man was stuck on his roof. He prayed, asking God to save him. Soon, a rowboat came by. The rower yelled, "Jump, I can save you." The man replied, "No, I prayed, and God will save me." Later, a motorboat came along. The motorboat operator yelled, "Get in, quick." Again, the man on the roof said, "No, it's fine. God is going to save him." A helicopter flew over and dropped a rope ladder onto the roof. Again, the man said no, that God would save him. The waters rose, and soon the man was at heaven's pearly gates. He saw God at the entrance and said, "What happened? I prayed and trusted you would save me." God said, "Well, I sent you two boats and a helicopter."

Moved – St. Joseph & The Angels Catholic Book & Gift Store

Please note that the store's new address is 14903 – 111 Avenue NW, Edmonton. Janet MaLellan is the owner and can be reached at 780-913-1360.



QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca
Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca
Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

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*Please pray for our CWL members and our Council
Prayers for peace in the Ukraine & the Middle East
Please pray for seminarian **Ben Wilkins** on his journey to respond to God's call*

For those who are sick and all who look after them:

Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)
Margaret Bernard
Father J.D. Carmichael
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Matt Klassen (Lynn Cristini's grandson)
Annet Maitwe and AIM school
Hope Maitwe & baby Ryder (Annet Maitwe's daughter)
Rafael Martel (Kathy Martel grandson)
Marie Phillips
Evelyn Radostits
Lyn Reynolds
Sharon Roshko
Liesse Saldanha
Agnes Sam
Marlene Schmidt
Bea Spatafora
Faye Tkachuk
Lily Webb
Mary Ziska
Celine deVries-Stadleer (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)
Stella Kachmar
Sandy Bergin
Ann Jubinville (Margaret Bernard's sister)
Olive Byer
Tricia Cisakowski (Kathy Martel's friend)
Bert Trompetter (Cora's husband)
David Meier (Shirley husband)
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Kathleen Leuwer (Deacon Joe's mother)
Colleen O'Donnell (Maureen O'Donnell's sister)

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Marie Strauss (Kathleen Oswald's sister)
Brian Black (Pat Black's husband)
Gene Kerns (Kathy Martel's brother)

*Please contact **Kathy Martel** at 780-456-0760 or Kmartel780@gmail.com to add names.*

